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NL INDUSTRIES/TARACORP SUPERFUND SITE GROUP

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Mr. Brad Bradley
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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**RE: NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site; Granite City, Illinois
Consent Decree
Progress Report 67 (November 2004)**

Dear Mr. Bradley:

As required by the Consent Decree for the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site (the "site"), two copies of this letter are submitted on behalf of the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site Group ("Group") to provide the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") with a progress report for operation and maintenance activities that were performed during November 2004.

1. Actions Taken During Previous Month to Comply with the Consent Decree:

- On November 1, 2004, the Group's project coordinator issued a monthly progress report to EPA.
- On November 4, 2004, the Group's project coordinator received a memorandum from EPA's project manager which included "model language" that was previously used by EPA in establishing institutional controls for other sites. The Group initiated efforts to review EPA's "model language" for institutional controls.
- During November 2004, the Madison County Community Development Agency continued to prepare for the public kick-off event related to the implementation of the Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP").

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2. **Summary of Data and/or Results of Sampling and Tests Received:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

3. **Work Plans, Plans, and Other Deliverables Completed and Submitted to EPA During the Previous Month:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

4. **Actions, Data Collection, and Implementation of Work Plans and Other Information Related to the Progress of Construction which are Scheduled to be Performed During the Next Six-Week Period:**

- As noted above, the Madison County Community Development Agency will continue to prepare for a public kick-off event for the SEP. The Group and/or the Madison County Community Development Agency will notify EPA as soon as arrangements for the public kick-off event have been finalized.
- The Group will continue efforts related to the implementation of institutional controls for the Taracorp pile properties at the site. Specifically, the Group will begin to develop declarations of restrictive covenants for the properties.
- The Group anticipates that ENTACT will conduct an operation and maintenance inspection at the site in December 2004. An operation and maintenance report will be provided to EPA upon completion of the inspection.

5. **Problems Encountered, Anticipated Problems, Actual or Anticipated Delays, and Efforts Developed or Implemented to Mitigate Delays:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

6. **Modifications to Work Plans or Schedules Proposed to EPA or Approved by EPA:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

7. **Community Relations Activities During Previous Month or to be Undertaken During Next Six-Week Period:**

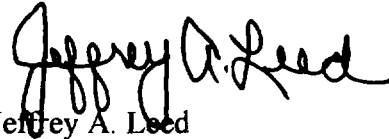
- As noted above, the Group anticipates that the Madison County Community Development Agency will continue to plan for the public kick-off event for the SEP.

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Should you or your staff have questions or comments regarding this progress report, please contact this office at (610) 670-7310.

Very truly yours,

LEED ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey A. Leed". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeffrey" being more prominent.

Jeffrey A. Leed
Project Coordinator

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